

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

November 5, 2003  
City Council Chambers  
City of La Quinta  
78-495 Calle Tampico  
La Quinta, CA 92253

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The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by Chair Gary Johnson at 10:00 a.m. on November 5, 2003, in the City Council Chambers, City of La Quinta, California.

**1. Board Member Roll Call**

Present: John Benson, Gary Johnson, F. Thomas Kieley, Leon Lesicka, Gregory Pettis, and Nancy Wright

Absent: Brenda Soulliere

**2. Staff Present**

Jose Angel, Jeff Allred, Sheila Ault, John Carmona, Jose Cortez, Jose Figueroa-Acevedo, Kristie Garcia, Teresa Gonzales, Phil Gruenberg, Kirk Larkin, Phan Le, Michele Ochs, Kola Olatunbosun, Wendy Ortiz, Logan Raub, Robert Perdue, Maribel Rodriguez, Jon Rokke, Charles Springer, Joan Stormo, Hilda Vasquez, Doug Vu, Doug Wylie, and Nadim Zeywar

**3. Others Present**

Clifford Batten, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
Steve Bigley, Coachella Valley Water District  
Felix De Leon, City of El Centro  
Catherine George, State Water Resources Control Board - OCC  
Doug Hale, CalEnergy  
Al Kalin, Imperial County Farm Bureau  
Lavelle Lesicka, Private Citizen  
Lori Okun, State Water Resources Control Board – OCC  
Nicole Rothfleisch, Imperial County Farm Bureau  
Mike Rutledge, CalEnergy  
Karen Wong, Southern California Gas Company

**4. Minutes**

Meeting of September 3, 2003

**MOTION:** Ms. Wright moved, Mr. Kieley seconded, and motion carried unanimously that the Minutes be approved as submitted.

**5. Public Forum**

No one from the public chose to speak.

## 6. Uncontested Waste Discharge Requirements

### Waste Discharge Requirement

*NOTE: Proposed Board Orders No. R7-2003-0080 and R7-2003-0081 were removed to be voted on separately.*

DV	R7-2003-0010	City of Calipatria, Owner/Operator, Wastewater Standby Basins – Calipatria, Imperial County (Updated Order)
DV	R7-2003-0011	City of Imperial, Owner/Operator, Standby Basins – Imperial, Imperial County (Updated Order)
MO	R7-2003-0074	The Southern California Gas Company, Owner/Operator, Blythe Compressor Station – Blythe, Riverside County (Updated Order)
MO	R7-2003-0078	Magma Power Company, Landowner, CalEnergy Operating Corporation, Operator, Del Ranch (Hoch) Power Plant Holding Pond and Wellfield Basins (Mud Sumps) – Salton Sea Known Geothermal Resource Area, Imperial County (Updated Order)
CS	R7-2003-0084	Mount San Jacinto Winter Park Authority, Owner/Operator, Palm Springs Aerial Tramway Septic Tank/Leach Field Disposal Facilities – West of Palm Springs, Riverside County (Updated Order)
CS	R7-2003-0125	College of the Desert, Owner/Operator, Cooling Tower Blowdown Wastewater Disposal Facilities – Palm Desert, Riverside County (Updated Order)
MO	R7-2003-0126	Magma Power Company, Landowner, CalEnergy Operating Corporation, Operator, Vulcan Power Plant Holding Pond and Wellfield Basins (Mud Sumps) – Salton Sea Known Geothermal Resource Area, Imperial County (Updated Order)
MO	R7-2003-0127	Imperial Irrigation District, Landowner, CalEnergy Operating Corporation, Operator, Salton Sea Power Plant Units 1 & 2 Holding Pond and Wellfield Basins (Mud Sumps) – Salton Sea Known Geothermal Resource Area, Imperial County (Updated Order)
MO	R7-2003-0128	Magma Land Company 1, Landowner, CalEnergy Operating Corporation, Operator, Salton Sea Power Plant Units 3 & 4 Holding Pond and Wellfield Basins (Mud Sumps) – Salton Sea Known Geothermal Resource Area, Imperial County (Updated Order)
CS	R7-2003-0132	Wingate Company, Owner/Operator, Lime-Sulfur Processing Plant – South of Brawley, Imperial County (Updated Order)
	R7-2003-0136	Rescission/Termination of Waste Discharge Requirements
	CS 94-007	Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital District
	KL R7-2003-0061	Sunset Mutual Water Company
	R7-2003-0137	Change of Name and/or Ownership
	JC R7-2003-0053	Country Life Mobile Home Park

MO	00-085	Ormesa Geothermal IH (OGIH)
MO	00-090	Ormesa Geothermal II (OGII)
MO	00-101	GEM 2&3
MO	00-102	Ormesa Geothermal IE (OGIE)
MO	00-103	Ormesa Geothermal I (OGI)

**MOTION:** Mr. Lesicka moved, Mr. Benson seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Board Orders No. R7-2003-0010, R7-2003-0011, R7-2003-0074, R7-2003-0078, R7-2003-0084, R7-2003-0125, R7-2003-0126, R7-2003-0127, R7-2003-0128, R7-2003-0132, R7-2003-0136, and R7-2003-0137, including the errata, be adopted.

**NOTE:** *Mr. Johnson recused himself from voting on proposed Board Orders No. R7-2003-0080 and R7-2003-0081.*

CS R7-2003-0080 Granite Construction Co., Owner/Operator, Sand and Gravel Plant, Washwater Infiltration/Evaporation Basin Disposal Facilities – East of Twentynine Palms, San Bernardino County (Updated Order)

CS R7-2003-0081 Granite Construction Co., Owner/Operator, Sand, Gravel and Asphalt Plants, Washwater Infiltration/Evaporation Basin Disposal Facilities – North of Indio, Riverside County (Updated Order)

**MOTION:** Mr. Kieley moved, Mr. Benson seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Board Orders No. R7-2003-0080 and R7-2003-0081, including the errata, be adopted.

#### **7. Consideration to Adopt Resolution No. R7-2003-0087: Supporting the Salton Sea Authority as Lead Agency in Identifying and Implementing Corrective Measures to Preserve the Beneficial Uses of the Salton Sea**

Sheila Ault, Regional Board staff, reported that the Salton Sea Authority had reviewed and approved the proposed Resolution. She stated that Regional Board staff recommended adoption of the proposed Resolution.

**MOTION:** Mr. Benson moved, Mr. Kieley seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Resolution No. R7-2003-0087 be adopted.

#### **8. Schedule of Board Meetings for Calendar Year 2004**

**MOTION:** Mr. Lesicka moved, Ms. Wright seconded, and motion carried unanimously that the modified Schedule of Board Meetings for Calendar Year 2004 be adopted.

#### **9. Update on Implementation Activities Related to the Imperial Valley Sediment TMDLs**

Jeff Allred, Regional Board staff, reported the status of implementation of the Alamo and New River Silt TMDLs.

Nicole Rothfleisch, Imperial County Farm Bureau, gave an update on the progress of the Farm Bureau's TMDL Outreach Program.

#### **10. Border Pollution**

Joan Stormo, Regional Board staff, gave an update on the bi-national sanitation projects in Mexicali, Mexico.

#### **11. Regional Board Executive Officer's Report**

Mr. Gruenberg, Regional Board Executive Officer, expressed thanks to Lori Okun, Esq., for her services as Regional Board Attorney, and wished her well. He also welcomed Catherine George, Esq., as the Regional Board's new legal representative.

Mr. Gruenberg reported that the Water Education Foundation interviewed him for the grant funded video documentary they are preparing on the New River.

#### **12. Regional Board Staff Reports**

Michele Ochs, Regional Board staff, gave a brief update on the Mesquite Regional Landfill Project.

Jose Cortez, Regional Board staff, gave an update on the chromium pollution problem at Pacific Gas and Electric's Topock facility.

Robert Perdue, Regional Board Assistant Executive Officer, gave a brief overview of waste disposal issues that have developed due to wildfires in Southern California.

#### **13. Regional Board Member Comments**

Mr. Benson expressed concerns with the Imperial Irrigation District Water Transfer.

Ms. Wright reported that she and Mr. Angel, Regional Board staff, accompanied Water Education Foundation staff to Mexico to film footage for their grant funded video documentary. Ms. Wright added that she attended the most recent WQCC Meeting.

#### **14. Regional Board Chair's Report**

Mr. Johnson reported that he and Mr. Perdue recently visited the Salton Sea Drilling Barge.

#### **15. Osabuogbe C. Igbinedion et al. v. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Riverside County Case No. INC 037727**

The Board adjourned to Executive Session.

#### **16. Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.